

of any one of Ostrover, U.S. Patent No. 5,126,981 to Kim, U.S. Patent No. 5,289,288 to Silverman et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,257,253 to Otsubo et al., or U.S. Patent No. 5,177,728 to Otsubo et al.

In response, Applicants present claims 15-22 for prosecution in this continued prosecution application.

Although the Examiner asserts that APA discloses a demodulator in accordance with the present invention, APA does not disclose or suggest a demodulator having the characteristics recited in independent claims 15 and 20.

Specifically, APA fails to disclose or suggest "a demodulator for demodulating a digital signal recorded on a medium, said digital signal including a video signal, a plurality of audio signals composed of at least one sector of audio information, and indicating information located in front of each said audio signal and video signal," as recited in combination in claim 15 or "demodulating a digital signal recorded on a medium, said digital signal including a video signal, a plurality of audio signals composed of at least one sector of audio information, and indicating information located in front of each said audio signal and video signal," as recited in combination in claim 20. For example, APA merely encodes different audio information in different channels of the CD (corresponding to the left and right channels of a stereo CD), and does not disclose or suggest the presence or location of indicating information.

It necessarily follows that APA does not disclose or suggest extracting the indicating information from the audio and video signals and separating at least one of said plurality of audio signals based on said extracted indicating information and

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controlling to output at least one of said plurality of audio signals in response to user selection, as further recited in combination in claims 15 and 20.

The secondary references relied upon by the Examiner do not remedy the deficiencies of APA. Even assuming, arguendo, that selecting audio signals is desirable, the secondary references do not demodulate a sector of audio signals in the manner recited in claims 15 and 20, and do not perform controlling to output at least one of said plurality of audio signals in response to user selection.

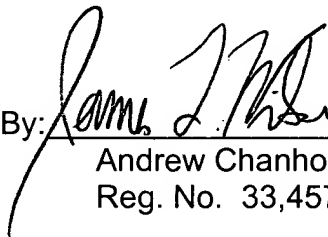
Moreover, in view of the translation of the priority document, Ostrover is not prior art. See page 2 of the Request for Reconsideration filed on June 17, 1999.

In view of the above, applicants respectfully request a favorable action on the merits.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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